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## ARTS '19 MAN IN TRAINING WRITES HOME

Corp. B. B. Claxton Tells of Life in England.

DESCRIBES SHORNCLIFFE.

Battery Draft Kept Busy With P. T., and Parades, But Enjoy It.

The following letter has been received by the parents of Corp. B. B. Claxton, formerly of Arts '19. Claxton entered McGill in 1915 with the Freshman class, and attended the University for one session. He then obtained a commission in the Militia, and was employed on guard duty until the spring of 1917, when he gave up his commission to enlist in the McGill Siege Battery Draft raised by Sir Stopford Brunton. He was given the post of quartermaster-sergeant, but reverted when the draft reached England. While at McGill, Claxton was prominent in several forms of activity, being a member of the executive of the Cercle Francais, and of the Arts '19 class hockey team.

Shorncliffe Camp.

Sept. 13, 1917.  
Dear Dad,—On guard again, so I am taking this opportunity of telling you about the life here in more detail. Perhaps I may repeat what has already been said, but in order to include as much as possible, I will take the chance.

Firstly—Shorncliffe. The command consists of about 20 different camps, each acting as a separate unit in all respects. About a mile to the north there is St. Martin's Plain for infantry. More inland there is Diggate, for R.E. and C.A.S.C. Then Risboro (our lines), holding a couple of thousand men. To the west there is Moore Barracks Hospital, with about 750 beds in huts. Nearest in—Napier Barracks, for the R.C.D.'s, and Somerset Barracks for Strathcona Horse. To the southwest there is Ross Barracks for Artillery. To the northwest is C.A.S. Depot and Lines. To the southeast is Caesar's Camp for Chinese and Kaffirs (about a thousand of them). All these camps are within a couple of miles of us. All have reserve depots. I think that the 18th was the only unit in the whole show. Most of the camps consist of huts in lines similar to ours, each hut holds about 20 men; some, however, are in tents.

The nearest town to us is Cheriton, which runs right up to the guardroom. This place has two pubs, three tanks, three churches, and a railway station, and about 40 stores, most of which sell cigarettes, postcards, etc., for the troops—and all without exception, are rotten.

The bus service for Folkestone comes to within a mile of us. The buses run every 10 or 20 minutes into Folkestone, a distance of about 2 miles. Cheriton and Folkestone, of course, are contingent towns. Generally, when I go into town I get off at the Central Station, and don't go into the business section at all, but walk up through the residential section to the Burlington Hotel, where I and a few others have had our baths and meals. The western part of the town is really very nice, a sort of polished, improved, and aged Westmount. Along the Leas, of course, there are hundreds of hotels of all shapes and styles. Seventy of these have been taken up for a Rest Camp for Imperials and Australians. It holds 15,000 men. The centre of Folkestone is not up to much. It has some decent shops, of course, along the Sandgate Road, and a decent restaurant. There are at least four fine little English churches, as well as a Congregational and a Wesleyan.

The lower part of the town around the harbour and towards Dover compares unfavourably with Quebec. In fact, Quebec is the only city that it can be compared to at all—the same class of shops and one decent hotel (Metropole), a promenade (the Leas), with a bandstand, a lower town and a quiet, respectable residential section. What Folkestone supports itself on, I don't know, beyond, of course, the troops. It has no industries beyond hotel and shop keeping, and a paltry harbour. Block after block of middle-class houses, with no visible means of support.

To the west of Folkestone, and southwest of us, there is Sandgate, which is about the same size as Cheriton. It has a single street running along the waterfront. The next town up the line is Seabrooke, which runs into Hythe, about five miles west of Folkestone, along the coast, but a little inland. Hythe has still more troops there, a large aerodrome, and lots of Imperials. Commencing at Sandgate, and running up through Hythe, there is a very pretty canal, now used only for pleasure boats, about 50 feet wide, with the same banks and foliage as Cartierville. About two miles northwest of Hythe is Otterpool, where we spent 12 happy days. The country is very rolling, there isn't a flat square around, and

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## WHAT'S ON.

### TO-DAY.

1.00 p.m.—Meeting of R. V. C. Editorial staff.  
1.30 p.m.—Social Committees meet, R.V.C.  
2.00 to 3.30 p.m.—Practice for Sports Day, R.V.C.  
3.15 p.m.—Basketball practice, R.V.C.  
4.00 p.m.—Mme. Chenu, Alliance Francaise.  
4.30 p.m.—Med. football practice.  
7.00 p.m.—Water polo practice.

### COMING.

Oct. 25—Election of Mockey representative.  
Oct. 25—1.00 p.m., Athletic Association, R.V.C.  
Oct. 25—Students' Council Meeting.  
Oct. 26—2 to 6 p.m., practice for Sports Day, R.V.C.  
Oct. 26—3 p.m. Football, Science vs. Medicine.  
Oct. 27—Sports Day, R.V.C.

## MCGILL WAS DEFEATED BY MAISONNEUVE TEAM

Water Polo Game Resulted in 4-2 Score Against College.

The Maisonneuve Intermediate water polo artists added another scalp to their belt by defeating the McGill six at the Maisonneuve bath with a 4 to 2 tally. Alderman Taylor faced the ball at this, the first game to be played at Maisonneuve, and incidentally the first game ever to be played outside the city of Montreal in a regular C.A.F.A. series.

Mayor Tremblay and several other civic fathers were on deck to enjoy the sports.

Referee George Moore gave the boys a severe lecture before the start, and finished by asking his judge of play, "Billy" Gathercole, to keep a sharp eye on the players. The result of the warning was a good clean hard game that was a credit to both teams. O'Brien and McGregor each scored for McGill, while Moussette notched up two, and Aird and East each one for the league leaders from Maisonneuve. Both net guardians were always on the job, and put in a very busy night.

The line-up and officials were as follows:

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Maisonneuve (4)                            | McGill (2) |
| Aird                                       | Goal.      |
| Referee—George Moore.                      | Defence.   |
| Sparey                                     | McGregor   |
| Chisholm                                   | Henderson  |
| Centre.                                    |            |
| Aird                                       | O'Brien    |
| Forward.                                   |            |
| East                                       | Walters    |
| Moussette                                  | Lally      |
| Referee—George Moore.                      |            |
| Judge of Play—Wm. Gathercole.              |            |
| Timekeepers—D. J. Beach, Albert Farmer.    |            |
| Penalty Timers—Armand Garipey, A. W. Ross. |            |

### Summary.

|           |   |             |   |
|-----------|---|-------------|---|
| 1. McGill | 0 | Maisonneuve | 0 |
| 2. McGill | 0 | Maisonneuve | 4 |
| 3. McGill | 2 | Maisonneuve | 0 |
| 4. McGill | 0 | Maisonneuve | 0 |

Penalties: O'Brien, Aird, Moussette, each one minute.

### MEETING OF SCI. '20.

There will be a meeting of Sci. '20 tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock, in Room 33 of the Engineering Building. Every member of the class who has paid out money on behalf of the year is requested to have a detailed statement ready to present to the treasurer. If it is possible, receipts for all expenditures should be attached to the statement. There is also other business of interest to all to come before the class at this meeting.

### PRACTICE OF WATER POLO TEAM.

There will be a practice of the water polo team this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Y.M.C.A. bath. All the men are asked to turn out and make a success of the team. The next game will be held on Friday evening with Maisonneuve. If the team are in good condition they should have no difficulty in winning. Anyone who has played the game previously will be welcomed if they will turn out for practice.

### SOCIAL COMMITTEES MEET.

There will be a meeting of the President of the Y. W. C. A. and the Convener of the Social Committee with the Y.M.C.A. representatives to-day at 1.30 p.m., in the Royal Victoria College.

### ELECTION TO DINNER COMMITTEE.

Maitland Young, Med. '19, has been elected Fourth Year representative on the Medical Dinner Committee.

## SIR WILLIAM'S THIRD LECTURE ON GREEK POETRY

Conflicting Theories Held by Scholars as to the Authorship of the Iliad and the Odyssey.

THE ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS.

If Poems Were Not Written by Homer, They Were Written by Another Man of the Same Name, Says Oxford Student

Sir William Peterson delivered yesterday, at five o'clock, in the Royal Victoria College, the third lecture in the course on Greek literature, which was devoted to the famous Homeric question. Before proceeding to the question of the controversy itself, he spoke of the importance of realizing the fact of the historic background of all literature, and the special necessity of students of ancient literature of realizing the succession of great civilizations, which make up the immensely long history of the ancient world. By means of a few remarks and significant dates, the Principal recalled to the minds of his hearers the stretch of time covered by the great Egyptian, Babylonian and Minorian civilizations.

The mention of the earliest Greek civilization brings one at once to the question of Homer and the Homeric poems. The body of the Principal's lecture was devoted to putting before his hearers the conflicting theories held by different scholars as to the single or multifarious authorship of the great poems, the Iliad and the Odyssey. A few facts familiar to Greek scholars and perhaps vaguely realized by the average person assumed a new and startling clearness when simply restated by the lecturer: as for instance, that there was no possibility of making investigation of the Homeric poems in anything approaching their original form, since their earliest manuscript still surviving dates from the tenth century A.D., and the earliest body of criticism from the second century, B.C., this latter being the recognized Homeric canon brought into existence by Aristarchus and the Alexandrian school. We may add to these facts the further statement that expert Homeric scholars place the date of the poems about 1500 B.C. It is easy to see that a great deal that is written rests merely on speculation and hypothesis, and cannot be proven.

Stated in their simplest form, the two outstanding theories are as follows:

1st—That the poems were composed by one author, Homer, or another.

2nd—That the poems as they now stand, represent a large body of lays or ballads composed, perhaps, through long intervals of time and fitted together by some author or authors unknown.

It may be added there is recognized a third school of opinion—that the Iliad and the Odyssey are the work of different hands. The most widely recognized name among these scholars, who may be said to constitute the higher critics, is that of Wolff, the results of whose researches about the end of the 18th century was to suppose the poems to be the work of one author—a quite untenable idea. Wolff's work was widely acclaimed by scholars in all countries as a great contribution to criticism. Within recent years modern research has discovered a French scholar, Daubignac, who, as early as 1710, anticipated a great deal of the work of Wolff. In the ranks of those who stand finally in the foreground was Andrew Lang, an enthusiastic student, who held Wolff's theory as heresy.

A discussion of the Homeric question has filled the homes of many scholars, and provided a subject for many long discourses. The Principal alluded happily to the answer of an Oxford student, who stated that the poems were not by Homer, but by another man of the same name.

Sir William concluded his lecture by reading with feeling two sonnets—one the familiar and beautiful lines by Keats "On Looking into a Volume of Homer," and the less familiar and very exquisite sonnet of Andrew Lang on the Odyssey.

### SCIENCE FOOTBALL.

There will be a practice of the Science football team this afternoon at 4.00 o'clock at the Stadium. The following men, as well as any others who wish to try for a place on the team, are requested to turn out:

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## WHAT ABOUT THE LITERARY SOCIETY?

In asking this question we do not in the least intend to throw a shadow of blame for neglect of duty on the members of the executive of the Literary and Debating Society. We are rather asking the question so as to enlist the interest of the students in the most important and most commendable society in the University.

The Literary Society has been, since last year, the Canadian Club of McGill University as well. Its field of activity is broad, and its programme is suited to students of all faculties. Although Arts students have always constituted the majority of its membership, the Science Students have taken a most prominent place in the programme of the "Lit." Medical students have shown less enthusiasm for the "Lit." meetings, but it is to be hoped that this year they, too, will come forward and assist both with the weight of their knowledge and of their numbers.

The Literary and Debating Society is the only training field in the College for public speaking. Both Dean Moyse and Dean Adams have always warmly recommended the students to attend the "Lit." meetings in order to educate themselves in public speaking, something which students of all faculties should be able to do. We see no career before a student in which public speaking is not an asset. It is, of course, evident that for some careers public speaking is indispensable, but a College man is always expected, whether he is an engineer or a doctor, a chemist or a teacher, to be able to address a meeting.

The important part which "speaking" plays in a democratic country makes it imperative for all the educated and earnest men of that country to be able to put their advanced and enlightened opinions before the masses. If the men endowed with moral courage and qualities in a country cannot step forward and lead the masses by eloquently advancing their views, but allow the street corner orators to pour out the words of sentimental fire which carries the masses without opposition, then the very future of that country is being menaced. As a result, the government passes into the hands of demagogues and opportunists, who go with the crowd playing on the weaknesses of the people, and carrying everything before them for want of knowledge of better things on the part of the masses.

A democratic country needs most of all leaders, men with principles, earnest men who will advance the right views before the people, and lead them on to better things. At times these men must oppose the wishes of the crowd and their worth as leaders is best tested when they inaugurate policies against which popular tradition is prejudiced, policies nevertheless which result in the benefit of the country.

But the most thoroughly educated man should be able to get up and state his ideas clearly and coherently when called upon to do so. The most earnest mind should be able to impress a group of people in favour of, or against a scheme by enunciating a theory or advancing arguments from a platform; there comes a moment when writing them down avails little or nothing. And it is at this point that the need of public speaking appears foremost.

The Literary and Debating Society in our College offers to every undergraduate an opportunity for obtaining this equipment. The meetings of the "Lit." have been of varied nature, but to our mind the most helpful meetings have been the informal ones in which two or three students would introduce the question and the rest of the members would informally debate on one or the other side of the subject. There is no membership fee in connection with the Society. The Students' Council votes a sum sufficient to cover any expenses which the "Lit." may incur. Neither should the question of time be made an excuse for not attending the meetings. The meetings will probably be fortnightly, and their informal character renders them quite entertaining. We dare not go into further detail regarding the meetings and the subjects to be taken up this year, for fear of encroaching on the plans of the Executive of the Society. We hope, however, that the Executive will announce very soon its plan and policy for this year, and may we add, in concluding, that such subjects as are of current vital importance to our country will form the chief items of debates in the "Lit." this year.

## WORK AND WORKERS.

One often hears a student say that for the amount of work he does, he gets discouragingly poor results. The listener to such a complaint is more or less put in an awkward position, for even should he consider the statement as absolutely sincere, he is inclined to think that the speaker has himself very much to blame. There are, of course, a great number of modes of working, and also of counting the amount of work done. Quite frequently the student who says this says it amid the stress of approaching examinations, when he is trying to get up the accrued work of the session, and naturally feels that he is working tremendously hard. Naturally, also, his results will be poor. But more often it is said by one of three other classes: Firstly, by the industrious student, who sets out to do so many hours' work each day; secondly, by the copious note taker, and thirdly, by the student who is satisfied with the mere reading of a book.

The first and third classes quite often are found in combination with the one victim.

In the writer's mind the student who sets out to study so many hours each day makes a great mistake. Usually he is seen seated, it is true, with a book before him, but the dull and calm dreaminess of his glance speaks not of a mind working within, and in the great number of such cases it would not be very difficult, nor take very long, to discover just what the said student had learned from the book before him.

The copious note taker may learn a little more than the above mentioned, but usually his note taking becomes absolutely mechanical, sentences are written down one after another, which contain no significance for the writer, and which he would be more than puzzled to recall half an hour later. On entering the library and seeing the occupants vigorously transferring to their note books every second sentence they read, one is tempted to number them among those who object to "the tight feeling in the head," which comes from concentrated thought, and to think that they are trying to palliate conscience by a lamentable waste of pen, paper and ink. The habit of taking down what one reads most effectually helps to cripple the intellect. If one is the least weary, it is so easy to say "it doesn't matter whether I remember this or not; I can read my notes before the exam." Whereas if one is not dependent on notes one is more apt to say, "I have only time to read this once, and therefore I must read it to remember it."

But the third class represents the most undiluted form of intellectual laziness. A few geniuses there may be who can intelligently remember the contents of a book from a superficial reading of it, but for more ordinary mortals a more careful perusal is necessary. To remember material, it must be systematized in the mind and one of the surest ways to thus systematize it is to stop at the end of a paragraph, chapter or division, and quickly but clearly, without the aid of notes, summarize the subject matter. In this way one settles definitely a part of the material before rushing the mind confusedly into the rest of the subject.

Then why not use one's whole energy in a short period of good concentrated work, taking a few moments to let the mind survey the subject at the end of a division, and trusting to one's memory of work thoroughly done, wait till after the final examinations before complaining that for the amount of work done one gets discouragingly poor results.

## EDITORIAL NOTE.

In response to the many inquiries which have come to us for this year's Conversation, we have secured the following information from the Y. M. C. A. office:

The "Conversat." will take place probably next Wednesday night, the official announcement as to date and time to be made after to-day's meeting between the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. authorities.

## EXTENSION COURSES IN COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Many Oriental Tongues Will be Included in Course.

Courses in the hearing and speaking of foreign languages at Columbia began on October 15, under the direction of the Department of Extension Teaching. These courses, for which credit will not be given, will continue for twelve weeks, and are open to students who are pursuing an elementary college course in the same language. The fee for each course, with the exception of those in French, will be six dollars. For the French courses a fee of two dollars will be charged.

Not only will the more common European languages be included in these courses, but many with which American students are less familiar, such as Rumanian, Turkish, Armenian and Arabic. Courses in spoken Chinese and Russian will also be given. The enrollment for the courses in Russian is especially large, owing probably to the closer relations now existing between the United States and Russia.

These courses are intended primarily for students who are likely to have business connections abroad, and also for those who wish to become familiar with the literatures of foreign countries.

Professor John D. Prince, head of the Department of Slavonic Languages, at the University, has charge of the courses.

## JOURNALISM AS A PROFESSION.

Journalism is practising the art of expression. Of all professions, it is one of the smallest owing to the fact that although papers have increased their circulation, their number has increased only very slightly during the last twenty or twenty-five years.

The ability to write is secondary in importance to the capacity for human sympathy, and that of reacting against wrong. The successful journalist is he who, on seeing anything happen, immediately goes to work to find out the "whys and hows" of the case. He is also the one that has the ambition to stir things up, and is not governed by any set custom. Conformity to rigid rules tends greatly to diminish the originality both in expression and imagination, of the writer, as of every individual.

Journalism is the hardest work, the least rewarded, the poorest paid, but it gives one of the best opportunities to serve. For the newspaper is the medium by which society knows itself, and thereby also the chief agent in starting reform. A free government which has not freedom of the press is an impossibility, and there can be no free newspapers except in a self-governing country.

All college courses prepare men for newspaper writing: Economics, History, Political Science, and English all help to form the newspaper writer. Training in the classics is priceless to the journalist, for by means of this he has improved his English, increased his vocabulary, and learned to express himself to the best of his advantage. At present there is a great demand for educated newspaper men from schools of journalism, and a course in some such institution together with a thorough college course will make any man who has any qualifications a successful newspaper man.

## MED. UNDERGRADUATE IS PROMOTED MAJOR

Capt. Harry T. C. Whitley, of '17, Has Been at the Front Since February, 1915.

The news that Capt. H. T. C. Whitley, Med. '17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Whitley, Ottawa, has received a well-deserved promotion to the rank of major, has reached the University, and has been received with a great deal of satisfaction. Major Whitley received the rank of acting-major some time ago, and for some time past has been in command of the 1st Battery, one of the Ottawa batteries which went overseas in the first Canadian Division under Lieut.-Col. (now Brigadier-General) E. W. Morrison. The news that he has been gazetted to the full rank of major and that he was at present on leave in London was received by his mother a few days ago.

Major Whitley, who was before the war studying medicine at McGill, gave up his course, and was one of the first to volunteer his services when war was declared. He was appointed to the 1st Battery, in which he held a commission as lieutenant.

At the second battle of Ypres, Major Whitley was wounded in the head, but it was not very serious, and he soon returned to his unit. He has been through all the fighting since the first division landed in France, practically without a break, and has therefore a record which very few can boast of. He was promoted to the rank of captain in the spring of 1915.

## A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

News is received of the death of "Pat" Kennedy, rugby star, in an air collision.

"Sinc." McEvenue, Sci. '14, famous McGill quarter-back, leaves for England, where he will become an aide-de-camp on the staff of Brigadier-General Melghen.

The Daily receives word from Col. H. S. Birkett, O.C. of No. 3 Can. General Hospital. Col. Birkett tells of the formation of a medical society by overseas Medics, of which he is honorary president.

Dr. Armstrong, Med. '17, is named as chief surgeon of the C.A.M.C.

JOINS FORESTRY CORPS. Lieut. T. E. Ritchie, who was a member of the class of Arts '17, while pursuing studies in the School of Commerce, has recently been attached to the Railway Construction and Forestry Corps Depot Battalion as an officer.

## Y. M. C. A. CABINET MEETING.

A very important meeting of the Board of Directors of the McGill Y.M.C.A. will take place next Thursday at 5 p.m. All members of the Board are requested to attend, as very important questions will be taken up in the meeting.

## R. V. C. NOTES.

Of 95 members of the class of 1917, 54 have enlisted in some branch of the service; 18 are in the Navy or Naval Reserve; 29 are in the Army; 12 are in the hospital units or in the Field Service; 20 are in business; 12 are teaching; and 9 are doing graduate work. There are already 12 second lieutenants and one ensign, and a good number are in line for commissions in the Army or Navigation. The class has reason to be proud of the way its members have responded to the call of the colors.—From the "Amherst Student."

There will be a short meeting of the R. V. C. editorial staff, and reporters, at one o'clock to-day, in the Common Room, to discuss the question of contributions to the McGill Daily. Everyone is asked to be present, if possible.

The first meeting of the Societe Francophone for this session will be held this afternoon at four o'clock. Madame Chenu will give an illustrated lecture on "Le Vieux Paris," and as the proceeds are to be in aid of the French Red Cross, it is hoped that as many R. V. C. students as possible will be present, and bring their friends with them.

## LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN AT AMHERST.

The following article appeared in the "Amherst Student" during a campaign for undergraduate subscriptions to the second Liberty Loan at Amherst:

"Although no definite figures are at hand, it is safe to say that the response even so early, has been gratifying, nevertheless we are still far from doing our share. The amount of sacrifice we are called upon to make to buy a bond is slight, indeed, compared to that which thousands of our friends and acquaintances have made, and are making every day to advance our country's cause. If you are still doubtful as to the value of a loan of \$50 or more, to the government, read the following extract from a paper published at a University where the Liberty Loan has received generous support:

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"Buy 1,500 rounds of ammunition, enough to supply 16 soldiers going into battle.

"Buy 10 new rifle barrels to replace those worn out.

"Pay one soldier for seven weeks.

"Feed one soldier for five months, or a company of 150 enlisted men one day.

"Equip one soldier with clothing complete for a three-year enlistment period.

"Keep clothing of one soldier in repair and replace worn out clothing for two years."

—From the "Harvard Crimson," of October 15.

"When I was a student some sixty years hence,"

Said my honoured professor to me,

"The Campus belonged to the menfolk alone,

And nary a girl did you see.

But now, Oh Alack! how our customs do change,

Now ringlets are seen everywhere

On the Campus, nor does it seem strange,

That some menfolk plaid petticoats wear!"

## THE FIVE-MINUTE BELL.

Oh, I've sat through many a lecture, counting minutes, secs, as well, giving one ear to the teacher and the other to the bell. Oh, that bell, it's silly chime, welcome sound I know, so well—when it strikes in on my hearing, what joy is none can tell. When I've waited, longed, and listened, tired of lessons, worn with fright, lest I'm asked a single question, can't imagine my delight, my relief, and my great gladness, when so swift, with sound so gay, rings aloud the welcome message, "Lectures ended for to-day!" Oh, I've known it, yes, I've felt it; none on earth can ever know how I've come, and stayed, then darted, just the minute I could go. Flying off a-down the campus, leaving worry far behind, breathing freely, how I hasten with a great load off my mind. Yes, that bell has down the ages long pealed out its welcome word, and, like me, many tired students have with joy its ringing heard.

The dancing classes usually held on Wednesday at 12, Thursday at 2, and Friday from 2-3, will not be held this week, in order to give students taking part in sports an opportunity of practising as much as possible.

There will be out-of-door practices of basketball to-day at 3.15 and 5 punctually. The team will be picked for Sports Day, so all those who wish to make a team must turn out after sports practice at 3.15.

## THE FRESHETTE FROM THE R. V. C.

has been much interested in the large number of students in astronomy at McGill,—"and they even come out with their astronomical glasses in the day-time."

## A SYMPHONY.

(W. H. Channing). To live content with small means, —to seek elegance rather than luxury and refinement rather than fashion. To be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich; to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly; to listen to stars and birds; to babes and sages, with open heart; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely. Await occasions, hurry never; in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through

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**SCISSORED SENTIMENT.**

Columbia:—With an address by Dr. Henry van Dyke, recently United States Minister to the Netherlands and Luxembourg, the Institute of Arts and Sciences of Columbia University has inaugurated the programme for its fifth season.

Princeton:—More than ninety per cent. of the men who last year were prominent in Princeton athletics are now in some branch of active service. This includes fifteen members of the 1916 football squad and six captains of Varsity teams.

Pennsylvania:—Following her stand taken last spring, the University of Pennsylvania is encouraging athletics as never before. More than sixty-five men are now working on the Red-and-Blue football squad, under the tutelage of Coach R. C. Folwell, while 110 have reported for crew practice, and undergraduates whose numbers equal these in proportion have turned out for soccer football, and fall track work.

Chicago:—Chicago appears to be doing pretty well for a University which lost most of its best candidates through war work. Coach Stagg generally depends upon to build up a strong team, if he has players suited to play and learn football.

Minnesota:—Statistics at the University show that few women are registered for the advanced courses in physics. Professors in the department have wondered why this strange state of affairs exists. They have spent many of their leisure hours in research work on the question.

Colgate:—Colgate has made quite a record against Cornell at football during the last few years. This year they defeated the Ithacans, 20 to 0. In 1914 they won 7 to 3. In 1913 the result was a scoreless tie, and in 1912 Colgate won, 13 to 7.

Pennsylvania:—The weakest part of the University of Pennsylvania varsity appears to be the line, and Coach Folwell is devoting much time to forward passing and kicking as the chief means of attack.

Cornell:—Coach A. H. Sharpe is finding it difficult building up a strong attack for the Cornell varsity this fall. He has a promising substitute quarterback in Nethercott, who is a fast runner and drives the team well.

New York: New York University appears to have a very promising football player in Yanoski, who is playing the game this fall for the first time. He has been a member of the University gymnastic team for three years, captaining it last winter.

Yale:—The Yale freshmen eleven will be somewhat handicapped by losing the services of T. A. D. Jones as coach. That Coach Jones has given up his work to return to the Pacific Coast for war service shows how the athletes of the country are gladly giving up their private interests in order to serve their country.

**R. V. C. NOTES.**  
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the common. This is to be our Symphony.

Those only are happy who have their minds fixed on some object other than their own happiness; on the happiness of others, on the improvement of mankind, even on some art or pursuit, followed not as a means, but as itself an ideal end. Aiming thus at something else, they find happiness by the way.  
—John Stuart Mill.

There will be a general practice for sports on Wednesday, October 24th, at 1.45. All those taking part will assemble in the Common Room, and every one must attend.

Members of '18 are asked to keep an eye open for notice of the next "cheering meet." A number of these must be held before Sports Day, and let every one turn up to do honour to their class.

There will be an important meeting of the Athletic Association tomorrow at one o'clock, in the Common Room.

All members of '19 are asked to pay in their October subscription of 25c. for the Red Cross, to the secretary of their year, as soon as possible.

The Red Cross will begin work tomorrow. Members of the executive will be in the Common Room to give out material four days a week: Monday and Tuesday, from 11—1; Thursday and Friday, from 4—6. Bed-pads, bandages, bed-sores, small bags, and socks are to be undertaken. There is work for everybody, and every girl is asked to do her share.

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Last night Principal D. L. Ritchie, of Nottingham Theological College, England, who is in Canada lecturing on Homeletics, kept a large audience in Calvary Church spell-bound for ninety minutes, as he unfolded his twelve months' work on the Western battlefield. He began by saying that there were many things he would rather not talk about, but he felt it was his duty to tell the mothers, wives and friends of the gallant lads who are away.

There is a sense in which the present hour is the most critical in our history, and it was our task to see that in this hour our faith fall not.

The Briton, he says, has a wonderful faculty of depreciating his own efforts. There is a standing joke of muddling through somehow. The American lets people know he is doing things. The German blows his trumpet. The Frenchman lets people know he is around, but the Briton gets busy and does it and then himself depreciates what work he has done.

Principal Ritchie spoke of the German spy system as being a wonderful thing, but he told the audience that Britain was taking no chances. He gave an account of how he got to the front. He was invited by the British Government to lecture and preach to the men, so no unnecessary obstacle would be placed in his way. He found that after arrangements had been made he had to go to London. Having obtained his passport he had to get special permit to allow him to leave the country. At Bedford Square he went before three men—an officer, clerk and a Scotland Yard detective, then French Consul and British Consul. In all about twelve men had him in charge before he finally got on board the boat for France. Having got on board, he was not allowed off again until France was reached. The British transport system is wonderful. It was a splendid tribute to British genius for organization. No soldier has ever gone one half day without food.

The Medical Corps, with its doctors and nurses, needs the pen of a Homer to deal adequately with its wonderful achievements. Doctors were found even within range of the guns, and many clearing stations had been hit by the shells.

Roads had to be made for the guns, and artesian wells by the hundreds had been sunk, so that men in battle should have sufficient water. The Principal thought that St. Catherine Street, with its holes, sometimes reminded him of places at the front; but after all, in Flanders you would find the muddiest mud, and dirtiest dirt mud up to the armpits of men, and sometimes the ground was so churned over that men had to struggle for dear life to extricate themselves. He says his tribute to what he called the joy men, those who day by day tried to brighten the lives of the men. The men were going through the shades of Hell with such magnificent manhood, called forth everyone's unbounded admiration.

Principal Ritchie went to France as a lecturer and preacher, and was warned to keep his nerves right and voice clear. He spoke once every day, but sometimes three times in one day. He gave a course of lectures on the Balkans, and later on finding many University men he gave a course of lectures on Eschatology.

He spoke of addressing one battalion at the front in which there were no less than 461 McGill men. He said that many of the public school battalions contained the flower of Britain.

But of all battalions, the Scottish University Brigade was the wittiest. They were men who seemed to have a point of interrogation at the end of their noses.

Behind the lines every night there were lectures of all kinds, popular and educational. One man lectured on higher mathematics, differential calculus.

One hut, called the Cat and Dog hut, was subscribed for by the boys and girls with the pennies they saved, and here hundred of men bought tea and coffee, heard lectures, wrote letters, and also there was a quiet room where men met for quiet intercourse.

Principal Ritchie gave the lie to the scandal that our men were forgetting to respect womanhood. There would always be men, in the army or not, who would forget themselves, but for the few we must remember that there were 5½ millions of men in the fighting ranks.

He gave a touch of the religious side, telling of men coming forward to receive communion before going into battle.

One night they had gathered together and were singing the last hymn, which was, "Peace, Perfect Peace," when he was told of men who were going on a bombing raid that night, and as the speaker said, "we never all come back," it brought the tragedy nearer than ever, and again singing "For ever with the Lord" with men who went forward within the hour, those went out also and did not all come back.

He closed a splendid lecture by saying that the battle must be fought out until the earth was once more saved for democracy, until all Europe becomes a home again. We must pay the price and keep back nothing. The agony is terrible; rivers of blood have been shed, and oceans of tears, but these have been given that the world once more might have a chance to become the mansion of our God.

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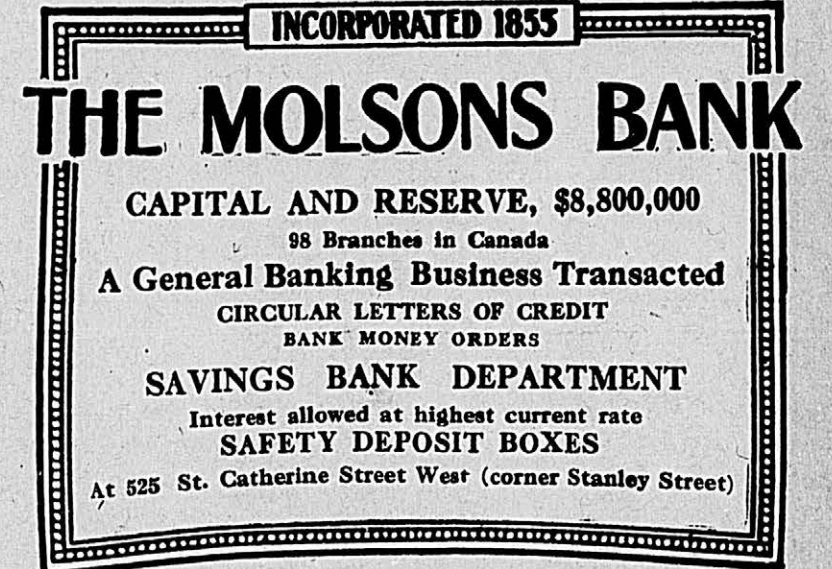
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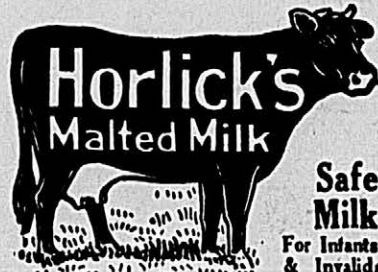
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lots of trees along the roads. There are not many orchards here; they are further inland, but lots of fruit of rotten quality is sold here at an exorbitant price.

Routine.—I've explained how it is to have to get up at 5 and do ½ hour P.T. It has everything else I've ever struck that is unpleasant beaten a mile. We do this in any dress. After we come back we fold our blankets, and then have breakfast. To get this the hut orderly in each hut goes to the cook-house and draws it in 3 dishes from the cook. He then goes to the hut, where the mob is lined up. The men file past, while the orderly serves to each a portion. Sometimes we have soup, boiled meat, potatoes, and vegetables and duff pudding. It all goes into the same dish. Of course, each meal is eked out with 1-3 of a pound of jam (bought), bread (bought), cake (yours), and sugar. After we finish (about 15 minutes), we go to the lavatory at the end of the hut and wash the dishes. Then we return and start doing buttons, brass and leather till we look like the rising sun. At 7.30 a call blows. Then I usually pack everything into my box (we each have one about 2' x 18" x 12"), and make up my kit on the shelf above, sweep my portion of the floor and rush to the lavatory for my daily wash and shave. At the 7.45 call I put away washing materials, get dressed and have a pipe until called, and we are inspected. Then all the duties of the day are called out and we are handed over to the P. T. instructors. They then proceed to take weight off us steadily for an hour and a half. At 9.30 we play games (more strenuous than P.T.), and go for the daily walk to the sea (about 6 miles at an awful rate, frequently we run); at the water's edge we fall out and take off our shoes and socks and wade. Then we sit around and talk and smoke until 11.15, when we walk home at the same rate of about 150 per minute, and going uphill. We are dismissed on arrival and go to our huts. We then buy ½ lb. of apples at 3d, rotten little things they are, too. At 12.15 dinner is served. At 1.15 the mail is called out, and we read letters and open parcels until 1.20, when we fall in. We are then marched off usually along a road for about ¼ miles, and then back for ¼ mi. where we have 10 minutes' rest. Of course, as soon as we have left camp we are allowed to march at ease, so we smoke, talk, whistle, and sing as we go along. After this rest we start going up hill by a diagonal road. It is a pretty stiff climb, as bad as Peel Street in spots, and about a mile long, but we do it at about 180 to the minute. Arrived at the top we are fallen out and lie down, and sleep for an hour. The view from here is splendid. Sometimes we can see France, and can often hear the thunder of the guns. A farmer's cart follows us wherever we go, and sells us apples, pears, and flags. At the end of our hour's rest (at about six) we walk down a road leading straight to the camp through Cheriton. We reach the parade ground at about 4.30 and dismiss (you can see we have little artillery training). On rainy days the parade is either dismissed (when we play bridge), or we are given a lecture (when we sleep). After 4.30 we sit around until tea at 5.15. After this we either get dressed up, and go down to the bus or else stay in and talk and read and play bridge. If we go into town we either stand in line for the bus or taxi (15). We then have either tea or dinner. About twice a week I have both and dine with the others at the Burlington. Sometimes, if we have a late pass, we go to a show at the Pleasure Gardens. Sometimes we go into Sandgate, and once I had dinner there at the Royal Hotel (a really fine old place). If we stay in we usually go to the canteen for coffee and buns. At about 8.30 we make our beds, place one blanket folded on the floor, two blankets flat with the edges tucked in, blow up the air cushion (for the top), and place a kit bag for a pillow. Some of the chaps sleep in ordinary clothes, but I remove the outer and sleep in underwear, and socks, and sweater. On cold nights I also wrap the slicker and cloak around the blankets.

At 10.15 I go to sleep, and sleep well, but always wake up stiff and sore. I can sleep now at any time, and in almost any place. I have the digestion of an ostrich, and can eat two or three meals one after the other without any ill effects. I weigh 170 stripped, and have put on considerable muscle.

I smoke a pipe now almost entirely. I have only had indigestion twice since leaving Montreal, and have not caught hives like all the other chaps.

With regard to money, they pay us curiously. The man ahead of me with the same balance will get £4 or even £5, while I may get £1. Why this is, we can't see.

On Sundays and Saturdays we get off at 1.30, instead of 4.30 or 5.00. On Sunday we get up at 6 instead of 5, and have church parade at 8.30, returning by 10.30 and then have kit inspection; otherwise the days are just the same. The church services are uninteresting, so we generally sleep through them.

Of course, this routine is considerably interrupted by duties and fatigue. The men have either cook-house, sergeants' mess, or guard or picket about twice a week. We get the latter twice a week.

I don't know how much longer we will be here. As yet, there is no news of leaving, and we're getting fed up with the monotony of loafing around. The news from the Battery is that they stay at Whitley until they're ready for the guns, when they go to Lydd for firing. I understand that our old officers are with them.

Well, I've pretty well written myself dry, and hope you won't be bored with all these details.

Your affectionate son,  
BROOKE.

## CAPT. EVERETT MARRIED.

Captain Herbert S. Everett, Arts '16, now attached to the 236th McLean Highlanders, was married in Montreal on Monday last to Miss Mowat, of St. Andrews, N.B. Capt. Everett, a New Brunswick man, enlisted at the outbreak of the war in a Mounted Rifles unit, and while he was a second year student in Arts. He served at the front, and was invalided home suffering from wounds. Upon recovery he was attached to the McLean Highlanders, towards the raising of which unit he has accomplished much.

## L. S. U.

The attendance at Louisiana State University was cut very little by the war this year as they have over 700 students registered, and a larger freshman class than ever before in the history of the school.

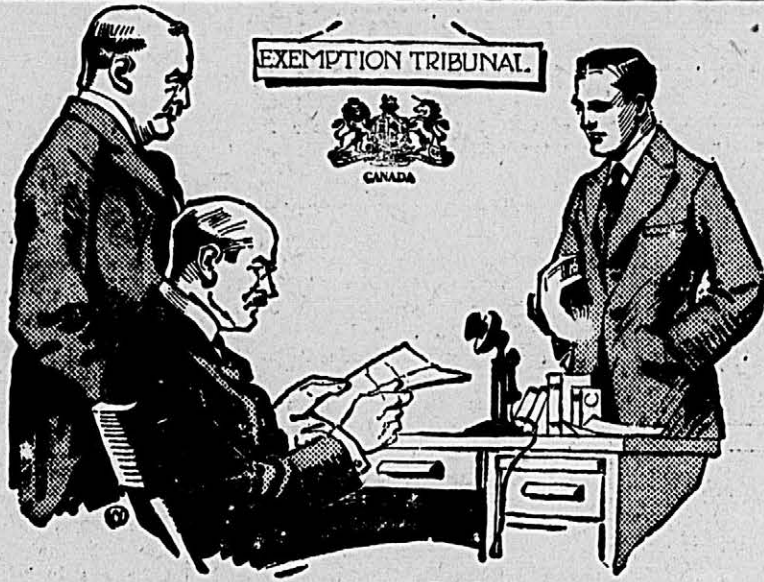
Will the students who borrowed the First Year Undergraduate List with addresses, from the Registrar's Office kindly return same as soon as possible.

## PENN. LOSES STARS.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Coach R. C. Folwell is to have three of his University of Pennsylvania football men drafted. They were in the naval reserve during last summer, and were sent back to college with the proviso that they would be called on at a minute's notice.

## SERB ANNIVERSARY.

LONDON, England.—On the occasion of the anniversary of the battle of Czer-Yadar, the glorious victory over the Austrians, the official organ of the Serbian Government, Srpske Novine, writes in part as follows: "The enemy expected one thing but another happened. Belgium had been subdued. An army such as the world had never seen before pressed in a bloody tide toward Paris. Russia, unprepared, bent before the storm, which had been brewing for many years, and before the carefully planned blows of the enemy. The world trembled in the presence of all this might. Right was in desperation. Only Serbia stood, that miserable Serbia, as she was called by the enemy. But now her time had come,



## Exemption Tribunals.

Exemption Boards have been chosen in such a way as to make them absolutely independent and removed from all influence. There are over 1,250 boards throughout the country, each composed of two men, one appointed by the county judge in the district concerned and one selected by a joint committee of Parliament. Being familiar with local conditions where they sit, the members are well-fitted to appreciate such reasons for exemption as are put before them by men called up.

Exemption will be granted to those who can establish that it is in the national interest that they remain in civilian life. This is for the Exemption Board to decide after having received full information in each case.

The grounds on which exemption may be claimed (which are similar to the grounds recognized in Great Britain and the United States) are as follows:—

- (a) That it is expedient in the national interest that the man should, instead of being employed in Military Service, be engaged in other work in which he is habitually engaged.
- (b) That it is expedient in the national interest that the man should, instead of being employed in Military Service, be engaged in other work in which he wishes to be engaged and for which he has special qualifications.
- (c) That it is expedient in the national interest that, instead of being employed in Military Service, he should continue to be educated or trained for any work for which he is then being educated and trained.
- (d) That serious hardship would ensue if the man were placed on active service, owing to his exceptional financial or business obligations or domestic position.
- (e) Ill health or infirmity.
- (f) That he conscientiously objects to the undertaking of combatant service and is prohibited from doing so by tenets and articles of faith, in effect on the sixth day of July, 1917, of any organized religious denomination existing and well recognized in Canada at such date, and to which he in good faith belongs.
- (g) That he should be exempt because disfranchised under the War Time Election Act.

No Claim for Exemption should be put forward unless one or other of these grounds in fact exists, and no loyal citizen should assist in, or allow himself to be made a party to, any Claim for Exemption unless thoroughly satisfied that it is made in good faith.

Exemption may be applied for by the men selected themselves or by their parents, near relatives or employers. Application for exemption must be made on printed forms to be found at every post office, which are to be filled in and left with the postmaster if exemption is desired. The postmaster will forward the form to a Registrar, who will send it to the appropriate Exemption Board. In due time, then, the Applicant will get notice as to when he must present his case before the Board.

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too! Innumerable enemy hordes, sowing devastation and death, forcing their way through our country, and in these terrible days the weakling tottered and the realist was made to think hard. But our people remained steadfast. With lightning rapidity our armies hurried over wide wastes, and near the historic Cze Mountain, crossed swords with the enemy, and in this giant duel cowardly shame and complete defeat sold the standards of the assailed. That victory which accompanies right visited us and deserted the enemy. This victory of the Serbs was not only the first victory of Serbia over the Austrians, but also the first promise of victory to the Allies. Pure and clear, like the sky over our mountains, there shone forth in the Battle of Czer the true Slav heart—never to be darkened. These days are enshrined in our memory with religious fervor. They are our consciousness and our glory."

### "MONTY" IS ENGAGED.

Mrs. W. L. S. Jackson, Montreal, announces the engagement of her daughter, Eileen A. M. Jackson, to Lieut. Lorne C. Montgomery, Med. of the 42nd Canadian Highlanders, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Montgomery, of New Richmond, Ont.



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